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Center for the Book

Montana's proposal to establish a state Center for the Book was approved April 23 by the national Center's board of directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

State Library Commission chair Mary Doggett and John Kinna, executive assistant to Lt. Gov. Allen Kolstad, inaugurated the center May 2 by cutting a ribbon on a special exhibit at the State Library featuring books about Montana by Montana authors.

The Montana Center for the Book will be located at the State Library, with satellite centers at the Lewis & Clark Public Library in Helena, the Great Falls Public Library, Parmly Billings Library and Flathead County Library in Kalispell.

Center coordinator is Cathy Siegner of the State Library, 444-5353. Montana's Center for the Book plans to have its first event this fall. The Center's planning committee will meet at the State Library on May 18 at 10:30 a.m. to plan future events. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Libraries To Be Polled On Fiscal '91 Budget Outlook

The State Library will soon be mailing out a survey to all 82 public libraries asking about projected fiscal 1991 budgets, current mill levies, anticipated cuts, etc.

The information is being collected in order to gain a more accurate picture of public libraries' financial health.

Mary Doggett, chair of the State Library Commission, and John Kinna, executive assistant to Lt. Gov. Allen Kolstad, cut a ribbon May 2 inaugurating the Montana Center for the Book at the State Library.

Commission Delays Action On LSCA Title II Grants

The State Library Commission, meeting May 2 in Helena, delayed action on approving recommendations from the Advisory Council on Title II LSCA grants pending the outcome of appeals from two libraries whose applications were screened as ineligible and had not been reviewed by the Council's Title II Committee.

In other action, the Commission approved the Intent Statement for the LaserCat grants from fiscal 1991 LSCA funds. Libraries will be able to apply for any one of three grants, $1,300 for the LC subscription, $1500 for the CD ROM drives and $3,000 for hardware or a combination of any of the above. Competition will be within a federation area.

Guidelines for the Federations requiring them to budget for a zero balance at year-end were also approved by the Commission. This is effective starting July 1, 1990.

Richard Miller reported to the Commission on WLN, giving details of their proposal to eliminate the *Resource Directory* and the reaction of Montana libraries to this idea. Sixty-nine libraries in Montana use this resource and are unhappy about WLN's proposal, he said.

The Commission also accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Council to award the $10,000 Training Funds to Lois Dissly, head of circulation of the Bozeman Public Library.

The Commission's next meeting will be June 20 at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo.

Governor's Conference

Mark your calendars for the 1991 Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. It will take place Sunday through Tuesday, Jan. 6-8, 1991, at the Park Plaza Hotel in Helena.

Six regional pre-conferences will be held in September and October prior to the conference. They will be organized with the help of the Federation Coordinators.

The conference planning committee met May 9 in Helena to set conference policies and procedures and designate subcommittees.

For more information on conference details, call coordinator Bob Cooper at 444-5350.

Press Roundup

The following items come from recent press reports about library activities around the state:

The Friends of the **Valier Public Library** celebrated National Library Week with a dinner April 29 with guest speaker and Great Falls TV personality Norma Ashby.

Plans are afoot to build a new library in **Whitefish**. An option to purchase some land has been obtained.

Thanks were expressed through letters to editor for the help given throughout the year by the staff of the **Broadwater County Library** in Townsend.

Friends of the **Polson City Library** displayed photographs by Ray Miller of Ronan during National Library Week. Library staff and volunteers were profiled in the local newspaper.

The **Harlowtown Public Library** received a new magazine subscription and had an amnesty week for overdue books.

A one-day amnesty for overdue books plus a book sale were held April 28 at the **Lewis & Clark Public Library** in Helena.

The **Thompson Falls Public Library** featured a book sale April 26 and 27, and free books were distributed to fifth and sixth grade students.

A fundraising pie and coffee hour was held April 26 at the **Culbertson Branch Library**.

The Friends of the **Sidney Public Library** sponsored an Author's Roundtable on April 18.

Expansion of the **Daniels County Library** in Scobey is anticipated after remodeling of the Senior Center there is done.

The **Choteau Public Library** hosted an open house on April 27.

Open houses were also held at the **Conrad Public Library**, the **Judith Basin County Library**, the **Fallon County Library**, the **Ekalaka Public Library** and the **Madison Valley Public Library**.

A local bank donated $2,000 to the **Lewistown City Library** to aid expansion efforts. So far, nearly $357,000 has been raised.

The **Havre-Hill County Library** friends, staff and board hosted a lunch for members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

An annual book sale took place during National Library Week at the **Stillwater County Library** in Columbus.

The **Bitterroot Public Library** in Hamilton had an overdue book amnesty and urged patrons to donate canned food to Haven House.

A mannequin in historic dress decorated the **Glendive Public Library** on April 27 courtesy of the Frontier Gateway Museum. The library is celebrating its 75th year.

The **Phillips County Library** board honored retiring librarian Robert Green with a tea April 27.

The **Livingston Public Library** held a chess tournament, put up special displays and hosted a children's theater presentation.

More than 1,000 patrons turned out April 25 at **Parmly Billings Library** to hear local celebrities read for National Library Week.

Michael Ober, librarian at **Flathead Valley Community College** in Kalispell, has raised $36,000 to buy new furniture and shelves for the library.

Deer Lodge-area librarians were profiled in the local paper.

Susan Johnson, a Billings school librarian, presented a special story hour for children April 19 at the **McCone County Library** in Circle.

Library Reimbursement For ILL Tops $150,000

At the end of the third quarter (March 31), Montana's libraries had submitted 27,438 interlibrary loan reimbursement requests, for a total of $150,909.

Of the total, academic libraries had the largest number with 12,357 requests; 11,862 came from public libraries; special libraries submitted 2,966 and school libraries had 253.

Youth Services Librarians Recruited By Brochure

Single copies of a career brochure describing the responsibilities and the background and skills needed by youth services librarians are available free from the American Library Association.

Write to OLPR/ALA (Office for Library Personnel Resources), 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL, 60611.

Comments Sought On Draft ILL Protocols

Comments are needed on the draft Interlibrary Loan protocols that have been developed by State Library staff.

Submit your comments by June 15 to Diane Gunderson. If you need a copy of the draft protocols and the accompanying response sheet, please contact Diane at 444-5349.

Mean Old Uncle Jack, by Anna Grossnickle Hines (reviewed by Janice Bacino).

When the family gets together for a Fourth of July picnic, the adults all busy themselves setting things up and visiting with each other. All, that is, except Uncle Jack. He terrorizes the children with tickles, gags, grabs, noises, jokes, but most importantly, his attention.

This is a very warm and comfortable story, and the colored pencil drawings lend a softness to this gentle portrayal of a relaxed family gathering. This book will ring true for little ones who will recognize the ritual of all who are play acting--Jack scaring the children, the children reacting, and the other adults feigning their disapproval. A joy of a picture book!

(Preschool-grade 1; Q4/P3; Clarion Books, New York, NY; 28 pp.; $13.95.)

Space Station, by Necia H. Apfel (reviewed by Dianna Babcock, Melstone School librarian).

Attractive and enticing visual material is sadly lacking inside *Space Station*. However, the cover and title are appealing enough to get a child to pick it up, and if she/he will just begin to read the first page, the child will be "hooked."

The text is fun, informative and clear--and it covers almost every page. Space buffs will enjoy it. However, nine-tenths of all elementary students would enjoy it if it had lots more pictures and some color. Also, with a 1987 copyright, it should be outdated in a few more years.

(Grades 4-6; Q3/P2; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 70 pp.; no price listed.)

The Afghan Rebels, by D.J. Herda (reviewed by Dianna Babcock).

D.J. Herda's book seems to be written with some authority. He previously had written a book about Afghanistan and had developed many friends and contacts there during the 1980s. His bibliography also seems impressive--current articles from noteworthy periodicals.

The Soviet Union does come off as the "bad guy" in this book, but from this perspective, that seems to be an accurate depiction of its role in this war.

Aside from the book's major purpose--to help us understand the war--it also affords an opportunity to learn (easily!) about the confusing (to Westerners) world and mind of the Near East.

(Grades 9-12; Q4/P2; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 144 pp.; $12.90.)

The United Nations, by Stewart Ross (reviewed by Dianna Babcock).

Part of a "Witness History" series, this is an appealing book if you are not a teenager. This is unfortunate because the publisher intended it for grades 9-12, and the subject is most likely to be researched by that age group. The size and shape of the book, along with the number of cartoons and pictures (colored and black & white), and the four-paragraphs-per-page text scream, "Don't touch! Little-kid book!" to the average teen.

However, the book is friendly to browsers or researchers. It is well-organized, up-to-date and indexed. The layout makes it easy to follow and digest. But above all, that format which might cause teenagers to reject the book will keep 4-6 graders turning the pages and learning things they didn't think they wanted to know.

(Grades 4-6; Q3/P2; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 64 pp.; $12.90.)

Monkeys and Apes of the World, by Rita Golden Gelman (reviewed by Judy Stephenson, Big Sandy Junior and Senior High School librarian).

Colorful photos and drawings guaranteed to catch the young reader's eye, simple yet accurate information, a glossary with pronunciations, and a child-sized bibliography make this a useful "first book" on primates. The printed material and some of the illustrations are framed with double lines. Pages are numbered sporadically, a practice which may confuse the young reader.

(Grades 1-3; Q3/P2; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 64 pp.; $11.90.)

Lunar Bases, by Sharon Cosner (reviewed by Judy Stephenson).

"The year is 2010. The company you are working for has just assigned you to be one of this country's next explorers." What youngster is not intrigued by the future and a promise of adventure? Cosner involves her readers immediately and maintains that involvement throughout the five chapters which explain the logical process of establishing human habitations and work places on the moon. The illustrations and accompanying explanations are numerous and generally well-placed. A glossary, bibliography and index serve to make the book a useful reference tool for the middle school space travel/exploration buff.

(Grades 4-7; Q3/P3; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 64 pp.; $10.90.)

Hostage! Kidnapping and Terrorism in Our Time, by L.B. Taylor, Jr. (reviewed by Judy Stephenson).

Terrorism is as impersonal and removed as a newscast during dinner, yet as personal as one's worst nightmare. Taylor's work reviews a number of the terrorist attacks the world has witnessed in the past half century and traces the pattern and growth of terrorism as a political maneuver used primarily by radical groups.

Kidnapping and hostage-taking, from the perspectives of both the kidnappers and the hostages, are treated as a part of history. The various approaches, such as the hijacking of planes and ships, snatching of children, and kidnapping of political and business leaders for ransom, are all explored.

(Grades 7-12; Q4/P3; Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 144 pp.; $12.90.)

Children's Book Reviews

Earlier this year, the *Montana State Library News* asked for volunteers to review children's books as a service to readers.

Here are their efforts, for which we are grateful. Some reviews had to be trimmed due to space constraints. More reviews will run in the July issue.

(After each review, the reviewer gives the grade level for which the book would be appropriate, his or her assessment of the book's quality level [Q] and popularity level [P], with Q4 and P4 being the highest possible ratings, the publisher's information, number of pages and price.)

Dinosaurs Down Under and Other Fossils from Australia, by Caroline Arnold, photographs by Richard Hewett (reviewed by Joyce G. Johnson, head of public services, Flathead County Library, Kalispell).

The outstanding color photographs in this book focus on an Australian exhibit, Kadimahara: Fossils of the Australian Dreamtime, which traveled to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County in 1988. Half of the book introduces the exhibit and then explains generally how such exhibits are packed, unpacked and assembled for public viewing.

The other half discusses vertebrates unique to Australia up to 200 million years ago.

A dinosaur book with a fresh approach AND a good index is always welcome.

(Grades 3-7; Q4/P3; Clarion Books, New York, NY; 48 pp.; $14.95.)

Japan, by Lesley Downer (reviewed by Michael Hutchinson, children's department, Flathead County Library, Kalispell).

This slim volume, originally published in Great Britain as part of Wayland's "Countries of the World" series, is lavishly illustrated with high-quality photographs and maps. Particular emphasis is placed on things of interest to children. The easy-to-use format serves as an excellent introductory tool and should stimulate many young people to do further research.

Although published only last year, some information is unfortunately already out-of-date. The chapter on Government, for example, lists Noburo Takeshita as prime minister, even though he was replaced in 1989 by Toshiki Kaifu. Nonetheless, this book is an attractive addition to any Juvenile Library collection, particularly where interest in the Pacific Rim is high.

(Grades 5-8; Q3/P3; Bookwright Press, New York, NY; 48 pp.; $12.40.)

Beauty, Brave and Beautiful, by Dick Gackenbach (reviewed by Darlene Staffeldt, Information Resources director, Montana State Library).

A wonderful story about an ugly dog, a little boy and girl and a community. The wild bear attack provides action, drama and a chance for the dog to become a hero. The children show the community how the little ugly dog is really a Beauty to those who love him. Wonderful illustrations throughout.

(Grades K-4; Q4/P3; Clarion Books, New York, NY; 48 pp.; $14.95.)

The Super Natural, by Rubert Matthews (reviewed by Darlene Staffeldt).

Part of the "Great Mysteries" series, this is a brief but interesting look at people who claim to have supernatural powers that allow them to defy the laws of nature.

Presented here is everything from contacting the dead to firewalking to trickery. The book includes some fine illustrations, a glossary, a brief further reading bibliography and an index. All of these items make this a good young readers quick reference book on the supernatural.

(Grades 4-6; Q3/P3; Bookwright Press, dist. by Franklin Watts, New York, NY; 48 pp.; $12.40.)

The Dead Man in Indian Creek, by Mary Downing Hahn (reviewed by Janice Bacino, children's librarian, Lewis & Clark Public Library, Helena).

When 12-year-old Matt and his best friend, Parker, find a dead man on their last camp-out of late summer, Parker is determined to prove that George Evans, his mother's boyfriend, is involved in the crime.

While the story is a well-paced mystery that will draw readers in from the first line and carry them away, the strongest part of the book is the narration of Matt as he describes himself, Parker, their friendship, and the differences in their family lives--his conventional, Parker's single-parent. Hahn's young characters are so believable that children will feel they know these two people.

The only shortfall of the book is that the adults tend to be portrayed as stereotypes. While not as deep a novel as Hahn's *Tallahassee Higgins*, this book will surely be as popular as her *Wait Till Helen Comes*. A great read!

(Grades 4-8; Q3/P4; Clarion Books, New York, NY; 130 pp.; $13.95.)

Whonk, And Whonk Again, by Jane Clark Brown (reviewed by Janice Bacino).

Phoebe is new to the city and is curious about the long, low whonnk, whonnk noise she hears. With her little stuffed animal, she sets out to find the source and collects an assortment of unusual characters to accompany her--a poor painter, a fruit peddler, a fortune teller, and a pair of unemployed musicians.

While the illustrations are wonderful at conveying the outlandish plot of this fanciful tale, the text does not measure up. It is awkward and tedious with details that clutter the story. At one point, the text seemed so awkward I suspected that a page was missing. It was not.

(Preschool-grade 2; Q2/P2; Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 32 pp.; $13.95.)

State Library Participates In MLA Conference

The State Library was well represented during the Montana Library Association's annual conference, held April 22-25 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

An exhibit booth featuring staff photos, a National Library Week T-shirt and poster giveaway, publication sign-up sheets, and free candy was staffed by Diane Gunderson, Cathy Siegner, Sheila Cates, Barbara Ridgway, Darlene Staffeldt, Vicki Terbovich and Maureen Berg. (Betty Shearer, librarian at Lincoln Elementary School in Glendive won the T-shirt; Ethel Siemens of the Harlem Public Library got the poster.)

A videotaped message from State Librarian Richard Miller was shown to trustees during the MLA conference since he was attending the ALA's annual Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. (His report on the D.C. trip is in this issue.)

Sheila Cates conducted workshops on Confidentiality and the Law and LSCA grants. She also helped organize and moderate a well-attended Intellectual Freedom Forum on April 23. Both the forum and the confidentiality workshop were covered by the *Great Falls Tribune*.

Participating in the Intellectual Freedom Forum on April 23 were, from left to right: Margaret Kingsland, executive director of the Montana Committee for the Humanities; Janet Nickoloff, elementary school librarian, Billings; Georgia Lomax, Flathead County Library director, Kalispell; Jane Howell, Eastern Montana College librarian, Billings; Jim Reynolds, Helena attorney and ACLU member, and the Honorable Gordon Bennett, retired district court judge, Helena.

Miller Reports On Trip To Washington, D.C.

A group of Montanans visited the Washington, D.C., offices of the state's Congressional delegation during National Library Week. The American Library Association's Washington office and the D.C. Library Association, as well as other organizations, sponsor this annual library Legislative Day in order to highlight national library issues and their importance to constituents.

On Tuesday, April 24, Mary Doggett (chair of the State Library Commission), Abe Abramson (vice-chair), Ruth Patrick (Commission member) and Richard Miller (State Librarian) visited the offices of Sen. Conrad Burns, Sen. Max Baucus, Rep. Ron Marlenee and Rep. Pat Williams to discuss 13 issues of importance to Montana's libraries.

Among these were: funding for LSCA, all titles; permanent paper; the Paperwork Reduction Act; the GPO Improvement Act; the NREN (a national super-telecommunications network); revenue subsidies for publishers' catalogs for library rate and for free mailing to the blind and physically handicapped; reauthorization of the Medical Library Assistance Act; the FBI and libraries; reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; reauthorization of the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and White House Conference funding.

The group managed to see three of the delegation, and one of the group members returned later to talk with Sen. Baucus, who was tied up on the floor of the Senate managing a trade bill.

The reception from the delegation and from staff was very positive, and much material was left for digestion by staff at a later time. All in all, it was a very worthwhile activity.

Sheila Cates, left, coordinator of library development at the State Library, guides a conference attendee through the State Library's exhibit booth at MLA.

Fellowships Available For Doctoral Study In Florida

The School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University in Tallahassee has received two federal fellowships for students pursuing doctoral studies in work with youth.

For more information, contact Dr. Phyllis Van Orden at FSU, 904-644-8115.

Fast Facts

• The item most frequently stolen from public libraries is the swimsuit edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

(Source: Tidbits, 5/4/90)

Children's Book Week Theme Chosen for 1990

"Wonder Through the Pages" is the theme for this year's National Children's Book Week, Nov. 12-18, 1990.

Materials designed for both children and adolescents--posters, streamers, bookmarks, etc.-- will be available for encouraging interest in children's books and the enjoyment of reading.

To receive a brochure of these items for sale by the Children's Book Council, send a self-addressed, business-size stamped envelope to Book Week Brochure, Children's Book Council, 568 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

Calendar of Events

May

28 Memorial Day Holiday

June

3-5 National Bookmobile Conference, Columbus, OH
9-12 Western Council of State Libraries, San Francisco
9-14 Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh
19 Federation Coordinators, Pablo
20 State Library Commission, Pablo
22 Voluntary Certification, Missoula
23 Missoula Book Fair
23-28 American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago

Upcoming Conferences

The 4th Annual International **Adult Literacy & Technology Conference** will take place July 18-21 in St. Paul. Registration deadline is July 2. Call Cheryl Zaccardi at 612-290-8330 for details.

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, will hold **middle and advanced management programs for library administrators** in July and September of this year. For more information, call Lori Beier at 513-529-2132.

The **Wilson Symposium on the Future of Public Libraries** is scheduled for September 26-29 in Omaha. MLA and MPLA may provide continuing education grants for this. Call Clarion University of PA at 814-226-2109 for further information on the conference.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc., will have an annual conference November 14-17 at the Red Lion in Salt Lake City.

For more information, call 315-445-8000.

Around The State

Public Library Changes: Evelyn Starkey, new director of the Phillips County Library, Malta, effective April 16; Karen Rogers, director of the Belgrade Public Library, resigned effective May 11.

Montana State Library Commission

Mary Doggett, *Chair*, White Sulphur Springs
C.K. Abramson, *Vice Chair*, Missoula
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(Compliments of the MLA 1985-86 Library Development Committee, and the Academic & Special Libraries Division (Fall Retreat),1989-90 Acronyms Committee which revised this list.)

ACRONYM	TRANSLATION
AACR	Anglo-American Cataloging Rules
AACR2	Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition
AACR2R	Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition, Revised
ACE	Association for Copyright Enforcement
ACRL	Association of College and Research Libraries
AASL	American Association of School Libraries
AECT	Association for Educational Communications and Technology
AHEC	Area Health Education Center
ALA	American Library Association
ALANET	(Database of the American Library Association)
ALCTS	Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (formerly Resources and Technical Services Division - RTSD)
ALSC	Association for Library Services to Children
ALSS	Adult Learning Satellite Service
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ARL	Association of Research Libraries
ASCII	American National Standard Code for Information Exchange
BAHSIC	Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium
BALA	Butte Area Library Association
BARS	Budget Accounting and Reporting System
BG	Block Group (census term)
BILF	Bibliographic Information
BIP	Books in Print
BRS	Bibliographical Retrieval Services (database vendor)

ACRONYM	TRANSLATION
CAI	Computer-assisted instruction
CARL	Colorado Alliance for Research Libraries
CATV	Cable television (originally community antenna television)
CBI	Cumulative Book Index
CC:DA	Committee on Cataloging: Descripiton and ACCESS (ALCTS_COS)
CCC	Copyright Clearance Center
CCG	Copyright guidelines
CCL	Copyright laws
CCS	Cataloging and clssification section (ALCTS)
CD	Compact disc; Certificates of Deposit
CD-ROM	Compact disc read-only-memory
CEIC	Census and Economic Information Center
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIP	Cataloging in Publication
CLA	Canadian Library Association; Catholic Library Association
CLASS	Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services (Formerly the California Library Authority for Systems and Services)
CLSI	CL Systems, Inc. (vendor)
COA	Committee on Accreditation (ALA)
COM	Computer output microfilm (microform)
CONSER	Conversion of Serials Project to Cooperative Online Serials
CPU	Central processing unit
CRT	Cathode ray tube
CSR	Central serials record
CST	Coal Severance Tax

ACRONYM	TRANSLATION
DIALOG	(Database vendor)
DOS	Disk operating system
E-MAIL	Electronic mail
ED	Enumeration District (census term)
EDP	Electronic data processing
EDUNET	Education Network
EMS	Electronic mail serice
EOF	End of file
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ETV	Education television
FB	Forthcoming books
GMD	General Material Designator
GODORT	Government Documents Round Table (ALA)
GOLAITH	Multi-user communications software (not an acronym)
GPO	Government Printing Office
HAHSLC	Helena Area Health Sciences Libraries Consortium
HALO	Helena Area Librarians Organization
HEA	Higher Education Act
HEGIS	Higher Education General Information Survey
ICLIS	Intermountain Community Learning and Information Services
IFC	Intellectual Freedom Committee
IFTC	Instructional Fixed Television Services
ILL	Interlibrary loan
I-MAIL	Western Library Network's interim interlibrary loan system (Inactive)
IMC	Instructional materials center
INTERNET	Interconnected Networks
IRA	International Reading Association
ISBD	International Standard Bibliographic Description
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
ISC	Instructional Systems Component
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ITV	Instructional television
JMRT	Junior Members Round Table (ALA)
KAL:SHARES	Kalispell Area Libraries: School, Hospital, Academic Resource Sharing
KWIC	Keyword in context
KWOC	Keyword out of context
LAMA	Library Administrationa and Managment Association
LAN	Local Area Network
LC	Library of Congress
LCAT	LaserCat (Western Library Network's CD-ROM bibliographic utility database)
LCL	Lewis and Clark Library (Helena)
LIRN	Library and Information Resources for the Northwest
LITA	Library Information and Technology Association
LR'S	Learning Resources
LSCA	Library Services and Construction Act
MARBI	Representation in Machine-readable form of bibliographic information
MARC	Machine-readable cataloging
MCIF	Montana Coalition for Intellectual Freedom
MEA	Montana Education Association
MEDLARS	Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System
MEDLINE	(MEDLARS online service)
MESH	Medical subject headings
METS	Montana Educational Telecommunications System
MHS	Montana Historical Society
MHSIG	Montana Health Sciences Interest Group

ACRONYM	TRANSLATION
MINE	Montana Information Network and Exchange
MLA	Montana Library Association; Medical Library Association; Modern Language Association
MONCAT	Montana Union Catalog
MPG	Montana Puppet Group
MPLA	Mountain Plains Library Association
MPMLS	Mountain Plains Media Leadership Symposium
MSL	Montana State Library
MUSENET	Montana University System Education Network
NCATE	National Council for Accrediton of Teacher Education
NCLIS	National Commission on Libraries and Information Science
NCTE	National Council of Teachers of English
NEA	National Education Association
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NISO	National Information Standards Organization
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NLW	National Library Week
NOF	Not on File
NRIS	Natural Resources Information System, Montana State Library
NTTF	National Telecommunications Task Force
NUC	National Union Catalog
NUTN	National University Television Network
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center
OCR	Optical character recognition
OIF	Office of Intellectual Freedom (American Library Association)
OLAC	Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.
ONTYME	(Electronic mail utility)
OO	(On order)
OPAC	Online public access catalog
OPI	Office of Public Instruction (See also OSPI)
OS	Oversize
OSPI	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (See also OPI)
PBL	Parmly Billings Library (Billings)
PC	Personal computer
PLA	Public Library Association
PNBC	Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center (inactive)
PNC/MLA	Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association
PNLA	Pacific Northwest Library Association
PNRHSL	Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library
PPR	Purchase request
Q	Quarto
RAC	Regional Advisory Committee
RASD	Reference and Adult Services Division (ALA)
RD	Resource Directory (of the Western Library Network)
RFP	Request for proposal
RG	Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature
RLG	Research Libraries Group
RID	Record identifier
RLIN	Research Library Information Network
RML	Regional Medical Library; Rocky Mountain Laboratories
ROM	Read Only Memory
RSP	Resource Sharing Program (of the University of Washington Libraries)

RTSD	Resources and Technical Services Division (ALA) (Now Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)
SAM	School Administrators of Montana
SDC	State Data Center
SGBIP	Subject Guide to Books in Print
SGFB	Subject Guide to Forthcoming Books
SLA	Special Libraries Association
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (census term)
SOURCE	(Database vendor)
SRP	Summer reading program
STEP	Satellite Telecommunications Programming
TCP	Telecommunications Protocol
TELENET	(Communications utility)
TYMNET	(Communications utility)
ULMS	Union List of Montana Serials
UNINET	(Communications utility)
UTLAS	University of Toronto Library Automation Systems
VCR	Video Cassette Recorder
VTR	Video Tape Recorder
WAL	Will Accept Later
WCHLIST	White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science Task Force
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
WLN	Western Library Network (formerly Washington Library Network)
WORM	Write Once Read Many
WP	WordPerfect
YRCA	Young Reader's Choice Award

NOTE: Symbols used by the Library of Congress (and WLN) to designate individual libraries in Montana and other states are translated in:

1) the quickfacts section of the WLN database

2) SYMBOLS oF AMERICAN LIBRARIES, published by the Library of Congress

3) WLN bulletins and updates

4) the MONCAT manual

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